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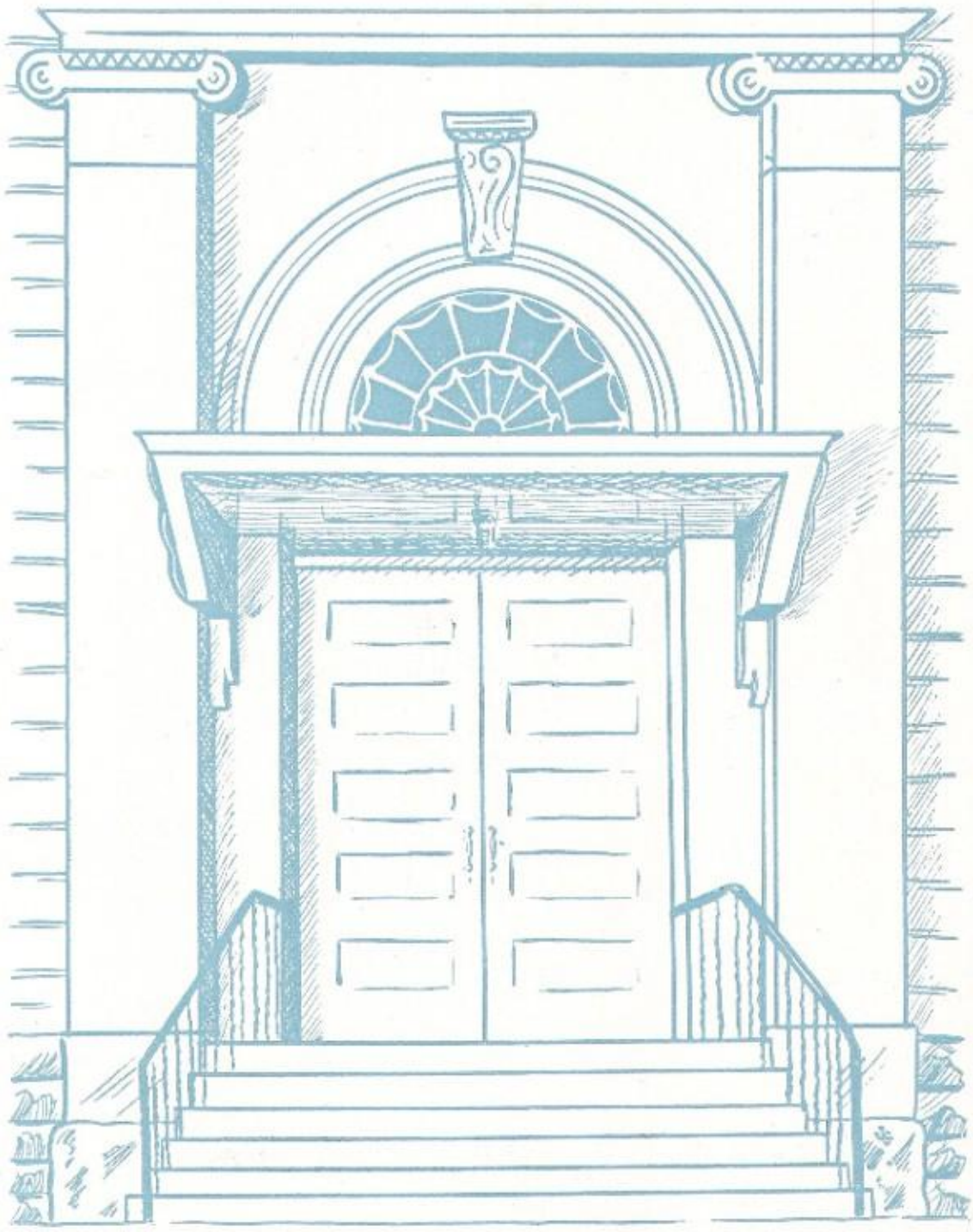

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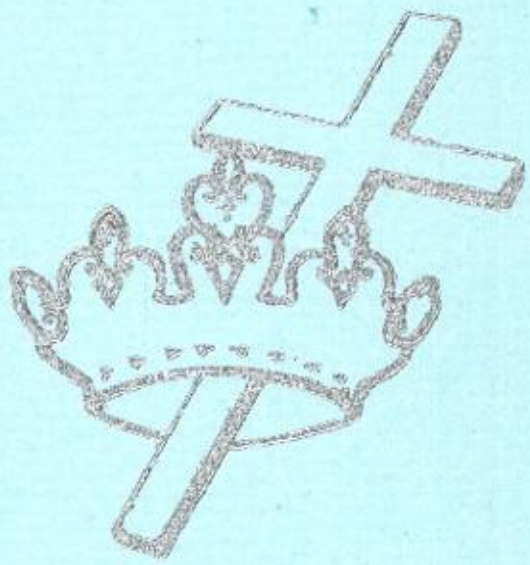

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A WORLD TO WIN - FOR CHRIST

Dedication

TO

Sister Mary of Good Counsel

WHO

THROUGH HER GUIDANCE AND UNDERSTANDING

HAS OPENED TO US A NEW WORLD TO BE WON

FOR CHRIST

A WORLD TO WIN - FOR CHRIST

APOSTOLIC DELEGATION
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

3339 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington 8, D. C.

March 25, 1951.

Right Reverend Msgr. James F. McGloin
Pastor
St. Nicholas Parish
Buffalo, N. Y.

Right Reverend and dear Monsignor:

I am pleased to inform you that on the occasion of the Twenty-first Anniversary of the founding of St. Nicholas Academy for Girls, our Most Holy Father, Pope Pius XII, has very graciously deigned to bestow his special Apostolic Benediction upon you, the Founder, your assistant priests, the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis teaching in the schools, the students and alumnae of the Academy and the pupils in St. Nicholas Elementary School, their parents and the faithful of the parish.

This Blessing is granted as a token of the paternal affection of His Holiness and as a pledge of heavenly favors for the years which lie ahead.

While conveying this august message of the Sovereign Pontiff I wish to add my own personal greetings and good wishes.

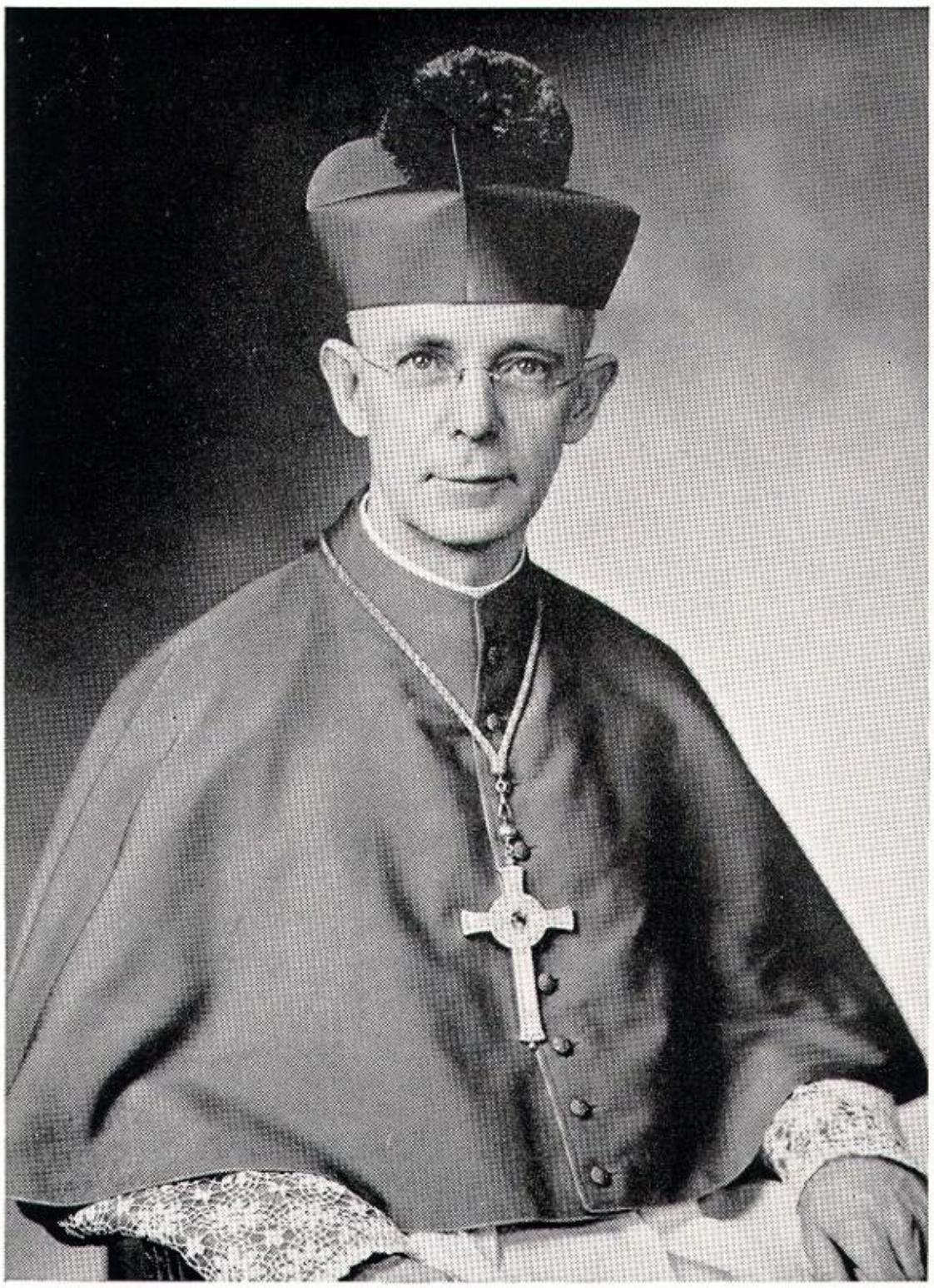
With sentiments of esteem and with highest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ A. G. Cicognani

Archbishop of Laodicea
Apostolic Delegate

His Holiness, Pope Pius XII



THE MOST REVEREND JOHN F. O'HARA, C.S.C., D.D.
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A Message from Monsignor McGloin

Dear Young Ladies of the Class of 1951:

Your graduation signifies the attainment of the goal towards which you have striven during your four years at Saint Nicholas Academy.

However, you face a world in the throes of a mortal struggle. You are fortified, nevertheless, by solid Christian principles, the precious fruits of Catholic education. Of old, Michael the Archangel, quelled the rebellious angels; so, you, centuries later, are called upon to harry the forces of materialism and win the world for Christ.

May God, therefore, grant each one of you that success, which, in union with personal holiness and firmness of purpose, will be instrumental in leading many souls to the Army of Christ the King under the Banner of the Cross.

Very sincerely yours,

Msgr James F. McGloin

Foreword

Hope is the mother of all men. She constitutes the lodestar of success or failure. Without her, we become engulfed in the quicksands of despair, with no promise of salvation. Hope, too, is synonymous with youth, which turns trustfully to the world, hoping to become torch-bearers for humanity — the pioneers of tomorrow!

We, the Class of 1951, have captured the elusive dream that scorns the mighty and blesses the common man — happiness. Walk with us now, through the years, down the hallowed Halls of Saint Nicholas Academy. Believe as we believe, — that we have inherited the invincible sword of truth to lead mankind to the altar of Christ the King!

Ideals have been compared to stars. The Heavens seem so near and yet, they elude our grasp when we abandon our earthly ties and our hearts soar out to touch their magnitude with mere mortal dreams. Each one of us has a star to follow. Some, like the beam at Bethlehem, are golden rays, whose magic brightens the universe, while others are dimmed by the cruel cloak of obscurity. Yet, they, like we, spend their existence glorifying their Creator.

We feel very humble at the thought of our King's Sacrifice in comparison with our own. The scarlet menace of Communism cannot and will not enslave mankind while God is on our side. We are His army and in the Sign of His Cross, WE SHALL CONQUER.

Theme

A World To Win — For Christ

"The hour cometh, that whosoever killeth you, will think that he doth a service to God." (Jno. 16: 2.) Christ's apt words to His Apostles have been completely fulfilled in the history of Catholicism, since there has always been a major force in operation against the Catholic Church. Today, as everyone knows, it is Communism.

In this troubled, wavering world, hovering between the tranquility of peace and the destruction of war, youth's place in America's future is vividly portrayed. More than ever before, a superior army of youth is necessary to fight for the true values of life. We can see the strong forces of Communism devouring the world, with wealth and lust as their only principles.

For our theme, strange as it seems, we have taken the motto of Communism, "A World To Win," but to it, we have added the simple, but significant phrase, "For Christ."

We shall, therefore, attempt to prove how we, a small graduating class of twenty-seven girls, can carry on the Apostolate of the Church to make disciples of all mankind; to make it possible for every man to know, love and serve God, as He wishes to be known, loved and served, — that all may be one.

As youths of today and citizens of tomorrow, we are confronted with many obstacles, but by placing our faith in God, and with "For Christ the King" as our battle hymn, we believe that we *shall* be successful in carrying out our theme, "A World To Win — *For Christ.*"

IN THIS SIGN

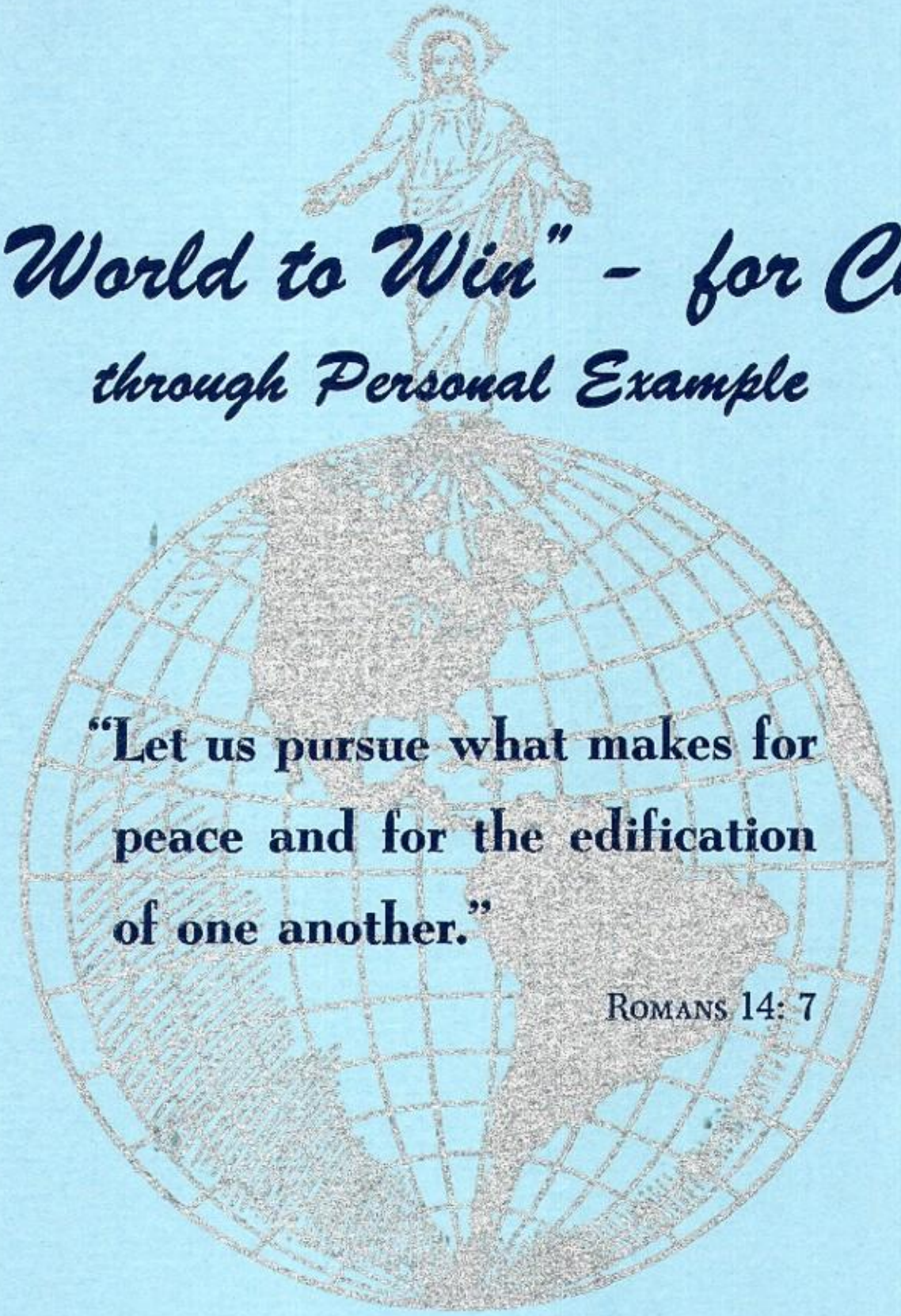
WE SHALL CONQUER

Queen of Heaven, Pray for us!

Hail! A refulgent Hall of light!
Hail, Gate sublime of Heaven's high King!
Through thee redeem'd to endless life,
Thy praise let all the nations sing.

"A World to Win" - for Christ

through Personal Example



"Let us pursue what makes for peace and for the edification of one another."

ROMANS 14: 7

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Sister M. Dionysia
Religion I
Latin I, II, III
Elementary Algebra

Sister Maris Stella
Religion II
Intermediate Algebra
French I, II, III
Plane Geometry

Sister M. Madeleva
Religion III
Economic World
World History
English I, II

Sister Mary of Good Counsel
Religion IV
English III, IV
American History
General Science
Health

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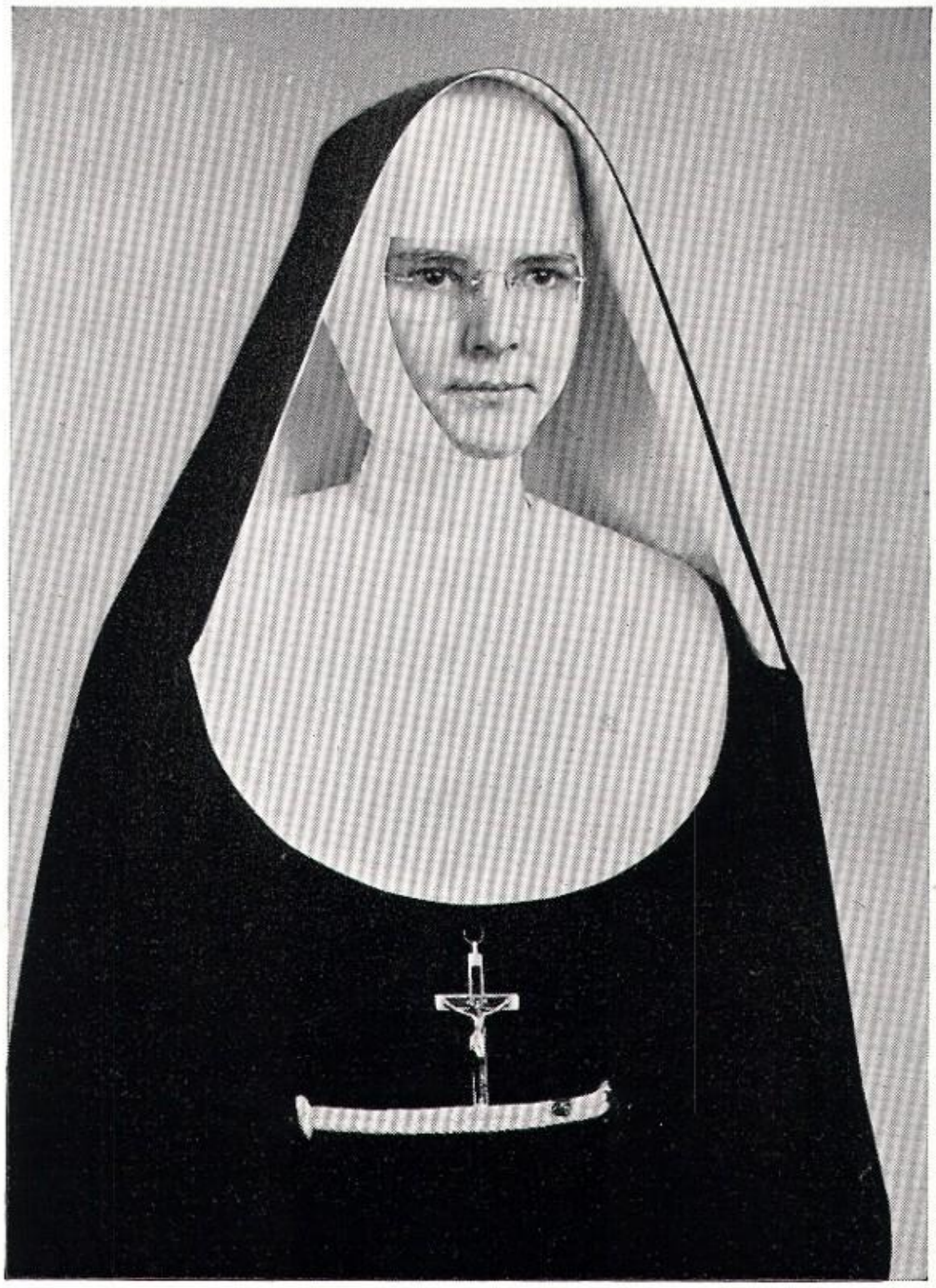

SISTER MARY INEZ
Principal

A Message from Sister Inez

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"A World to Win for Christ"

Your theme, charged as it is with the dauntless enthusiasm and lofty ambition so characteristic of modern Catholic youth, challenges your sincerity as a soldier of the King of Kings. If you aim only at conquering a world outside yourself, your aspirations will crumble as do the ill-fated air castles of idle dreamers. Within each of you is a vast world — your own immortal soul.

In its most secret recesses there are momentous battles to be fought and to the victor is awarded, not the passing glory of the world, but the eternal realms of heaven and the possession of God. To this arena you will be summoned almost every waking hour, because in the great world of men and affairs, decisions must be made. Decisive victory will be yours, only if those decisions conform to God's Law. How fierce, at times, those battles will be, and how often you will long to abandon those hidden inglorious struggles and rush out to take, amid blare of trumpets and flutter of flags, ten thousand cities!

As, fired with ardor To Win A World For Christ, you pass through the portal of your Alma Mater, I pray that deep in your hearts will ever be engraved my little reminder, "He, who conquers himself, is greater than he, who takes a city."

Sister Mary Inez

Do they ever truly be true and thou canst be false to prove.
Sister M. Dionysia

Our Sisters

Sister M. Madeleva

Sister M. Dionysia
Sister Maris Stella

Sister Mary of Good Counsel
Sister M. Madeleva

Virtue alone ennobles.
Sister Mary of Good Counsel

In Grateful Remembrance

Dear Members of the Faculty:

Graduation was but a date in the dim, distant future when we enrolled as students at Saint Nicholas Academy, in 1947. Now, we look back over four happy years and unite with the sentiments expressed by an ancient philosopher, "The happier the time, the quicker it passes."

The phrase "thank you," is but a feeble indication of the depth of our gratitude to you, beloved Faculty. We shall never forget your tolerance, patience and persistent faith in humanity, despite its innumerable weaknesses. You have, indeed, earned a rich reward for so successfully completing the task valiantly undertaken in our Freshman year. We hope that this recompense will be the greater, because our expressions of appreciation will continue to manifest themselves spiritually throughout the years to come.

The firm principles of Catholicity inculcated at Saint Nicholas constitute a firm standard of morality as we face our future task of *winning the world for Christ*. The high ideals and Christian manner of living acquired in these Academy days are ours for all Eternity.

As we conclude our expressions of gratitude, what greater gift can we wish for you, than that God may bless each and everyone of you?

The Class of 1951

Our Special Teachers

MRS. RALPH MCFARLAND

Our Director

G*roup singing is always fun, so*
L*isten in*
E*very Friday afternoon when we present,*
E*specially for you, "Music from Beyond the Moon," through the*
C*ourtesy of our*
L*ately-formed singing group*
U*nder the direction of our*
B*eloved Glee Club instructor.*

MRS. RALPH MCFARLAND

D*o you remember*
R*eciting poetry before the Freshman Class*
A*nd then, that smash hit — our Sophomore Variety Show?*
M*ore facial expressions were invented*
A*s Juniors struggled to perfect*
T*heir favorite "How Now Brown Cow,"*
I*f, as Seniors, we've made the "Crib at Greccio"*
C*ome to life, then*
S*urely, no one deserves our thanks and appreciation more than*

MISS HELEN WESLEY

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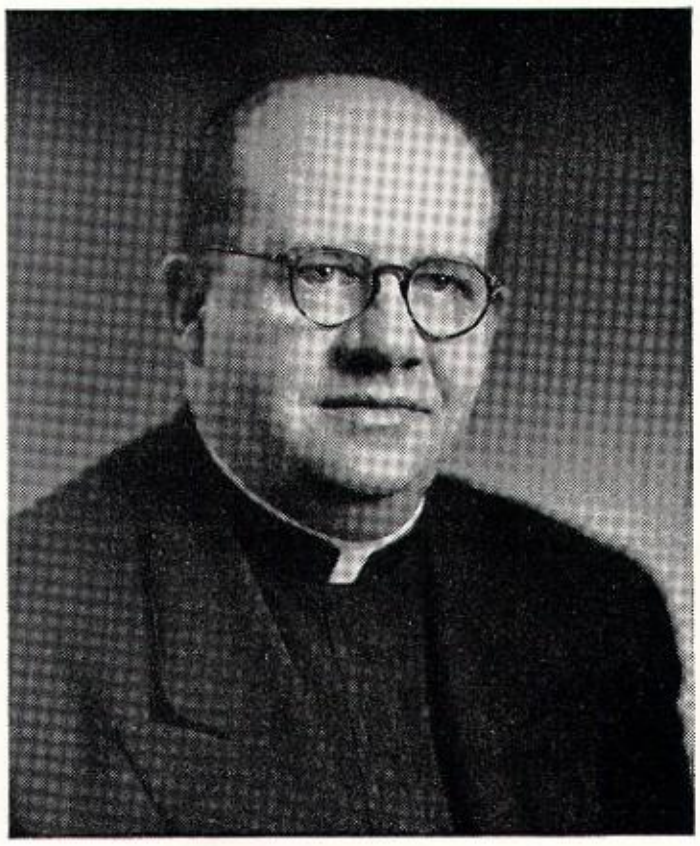
Our Spiritual Director



FATHER KENNEDY

The army may have its chaplains, the Orient its missionaries, but we have "Alter Christus" with an Irish twinkle in his eye — Father Joseph Kennedy. Father's chief zeal — souls — led him to request an "extra assignment" from the Bishop — St. Nicholas Academy. Instead of relaxing on his "day off" Father Kennedy trots over to instruct us. He gives us the opportunity of "unburdening" ourselves and of having a "little chat' with God, in Confession. We feel that we are "his girls" and have a sacred trust in endeavoring to live up to the high ideals that Father has tried to instil in us through the mediums of his timely Conferences and inspiring Holy Hours. May God reward you, Father, for the efforts you have made to keep us a fervent Army of youth in the King's Service.

Dedication to Our Lady

Tower of David! Patroness of Security!

Mystical Rose! Blossom of Purity!

Surround us by a fragrance of Grace.

Never to wander from thy Maternal Embrace.

Into the light of Thy Guiding Ray

We place our lives this joyous day,

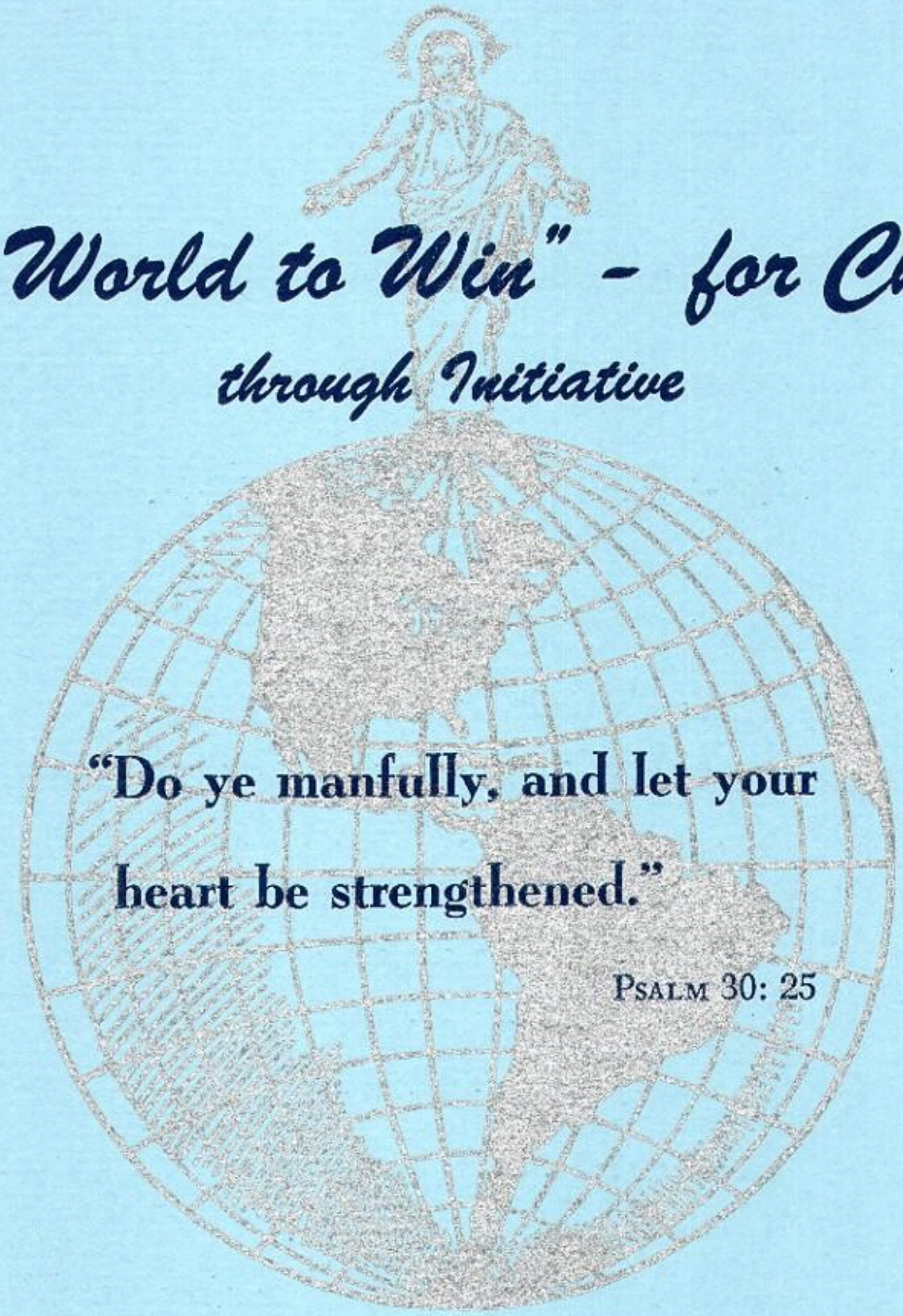
Until — Mother Mary, we twenty-seven

Are sheltered by thy love in Heaven.

Norma Sherman '51

"A World to Win" – for Christ

through Initiative



"Do ye manfully, and let your heart be strengthened."

PSALM 30: 25

MOTIVATED ACTION

DEVELOPMENT OF TALENT

Seniors

Salutatory

The calendar assures us that four years have elapsed since we first crossed the threshold of St. Nicholas Academy. The time has come to bid adieu to high school life and yet, none of us has completed her education, for human life and education are inseparable.

As we cast a backward glance, it seems but a short time between our initial day in high school and this memorable night, which practically terminates a quartet of joyous years. In the interim we have acquired confidence and appear to have taken several necessary and important steps toward a successful future. Our benefits have have been twofold in that we have secured religious education for which we sought admission, and training that will stand us in good stead throughout future years.

All this naturally turns our thoughts to those who have played such an important role in our individual successes.

To Right Reverend Monsignor James McGloin, we extend our gratitude for his untiring efforts in making St. Nicholas what it is today. We shall never forget his inspiring advice and guidance which have been instrumental in bringing us nearer to Jesus Christ and His Blessed Mother.

To Sister Mary Inez and Sister Mary Joanna, principals during our pleasant sojourn here, we owe heartfelt thanks for untiring patience and interest in steering us toward the goal symbolized by this occasion.

What successes we may achieve, whatever accomplishments may become ours, we shall share with our beloved faculty, whom we have always found interested listeners and wise counsellors. They, too, will experience with us, the thrill which comes from "something accomplished, something done."

To our parents, we pledge our undying gratitude for the numerous sacrifices they have made for us to acquire a Catholic education. They have taught us that the wealth of a nation lies in the integrity of its families, and we, on our part, have accepted our Catholic home training as the seed of American life.

In facing young womanhood with faith born of trust in Divine Providence, joined to courage and determination, our ambitions will undoubtedly carry us far afield. But, wherever we may be, may we profit by the influence of the principles and precepts assimilated in our associations with Saint Nicholas Academy.

Our places will shortly be filled by others, just as eager, just as determined to succeed. It is our sincere wish that all the delightful and valuable experiences which have been ours, will descend upon them in full measure, that, when their turn comes, they may be as regretful to leave the Academy as we are this evening.

Rita J. Hurliman

The Seniors Reminisce

SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

LEFT TO RIGHT—Geraldine Kustra, Secretary; Ann Wangler, Vice-President; Joan Schmid, Treasurer; Rita Hurliman, President.

This is Susie Senior, your Class Historian, broadcasting all the exciting, heart-warming and amusing news of the Class of 1951. In the year 1947, the atom bomb became more than a secret experiment; the United Nations were trying to establish a lasting peace; and OUR CLASS ENTERED SAINT NICHOLAS ACADEMY.

The spectacular glory of the Eucharistic Congress made us feel as though God had given us a precious gift by letting us begin our high school career the same year as the Diocese of Buffalo celebrated its one hundredth birthday. We even paraded in honor of the occasion through the scenic section of Buffalo — lower Main Street.

The kind seniors made us feel very welcome by inviting us to be guests of honor at a banquet. There was only one catch — we had to provide a free floor show. Initiation proved to be a real test of our womanhood. Our "grown-up" sophistication deserted us and our knees shook as, one by one, we stood in the spotlight. Sister Madeleva, our homeroom teacher, was the only "Freshie" who enjoyed that performance.

Our early Pilgrim Fathers established a democratic government and we, their "great-great-grandchildren," attempted to exercise our priceless heritage by electing Joan Schmid, Rita Hurliman, Patricia McKenzie and Marjorie Van Buren as our leaders. Like Pandora, we opened a secret chest at our Christmas Party, but instead of inflicting evil (???) upon the world, we displayed our talent for the approval of the Academy.

After January exams we staged a raffle. An epidemic of spring fever and day-dreams later invaded the class and we counted the hours, minutes and seconds until June with its promise of summer vacation.

THIS IS STATION F-R-E-S-H-M-A-N signing off with a message to all of our classmates: HAVE FUN!

And now, dear listeners, Aunt Susie continues the story of your favorite class. We've "aged" quite a bit during the summer. Why, we're old enough to behave now! Sister Maris Stella should be proud of her forty-three "SOCKOMORES." This quaint title was bestowed upon us by a potential classmate — a first grade girl. (She has about the same mentality as most of us.)

The Seniors Reminisce

Learning about Caesar's Gallic Campaigns and practicing our French grunts wasn't quite as difficult as trying to act dignified. We nominated our candidates for the presidential election of 1968. Our class officers: Joan Schmid, Rita Hurliman, Antoinette Lewandowski and Geraldine Kustra should lend a "feminine" air to the White House.

The smell of grease paint and the lure of the footlights enchanted us. We fretted and worried, but our Christmas play, "Lucy" was a tremendous success (at least, to us).

It may have been a hint, or a futile hope that we'd "soak in" a little culture, when the Nuns took us to see the Black Hills "Passion Play." You may have recognized Eva Miskey, Nancy Foley and Rita Hurliman as the "stars" of the mob scene.

Our valuable experience as "veteran" troupers came to our rescue when we staged a Variety Show. There's no other name for it; our show was a conglomeration of everything. (We still blush when someone mentions "One Terrible Night"). Yes, it was fun being "Sockomores," so, with a tear in our eyes, Station S-O-P-H-O-M-O-R-E bids au revoir to the land of easy living — Sophomore Isle.

Just three years, two months, ten days and four hours ago, we entered St. Nick's and now, we're "upperclasswomen." It seems like a miracle. Sister Madeleva's cheery smile greeted us and for a moment, we thought that our past had finally caught up with us. It was almost as though we were Freshmen all over again.

While Sydney Carton struggled with the rise of the common man and the French Revolution, we staged a "revolt" of our own and elected Carol Schaab, Joan Schmid, Antoinette Lewandowski and our own "Silas Marner," Diane Young.

EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA! It's time to announce that we owned, wrote and published that amazing "yellow" sheet, THE NICHOLETTE. Our circulation was phenomenal. Simply everyone bought a copy (after we had threatened her — just a little). Horace Greeley would have turned over in his literary grave could he have known the prayer of the Staff: "Please, God, let us get this issue out ON TIME!"

Who is lovelier than an angel? A Junior in costume for the Senior Christmas play. With enough mascara, lipstick and rouge on, we looked "heavenly" (for once). We even contributed a "star" to shine on the Christ Child. Pat McKenzie's flaming hair illuminated the manger as she held the real golden beam.

Just as we were beginning to enjoy (???) the educative process, our dear friends, the coal miners, had to go on strike. Even your historian missed getting up at seven o'clock every morning and rushing to school.

What is rarer than a day in June? The night in May when we held our Junior-Senior Banquet. Who could resist "our own" cooking, lovingly served by the P.T.A.? (It must have been good, inasmuch as we're all still in the land of the living.)

We'll all take sixty seconds out to sigh as we recall the romantic glamor of our Junior Prom. We were so thrilled that we even permitted the lordly Seniors to hold their Class Night on the same day. All looked like angels, were as happy as brides, and thanked the fates that we were young and not ancient like our parents.

Station J-U-N-I-O-R has just received a last minute news flash to be read for the benefit of all future Freshmen — BEWARE!!!

As "Susan Senior," your roving historian, I am going to repeat the sentiments of one of our classmates — "At Last!" (Unquote.) Three years of sweating and slaving, trying to dodge studying have finally paid off — "We're Seniors!!" I wonder why the underclasswomen never seem to realize that we're the most wonderful people on earth? COULD THEY BE JEALOUS?

The Seniors Reminisce

REAR—Ann Wangler, Betty Klee, Nancy Foley, Mary Lou Steinback, Patricia Kennedy, Bonnie Werdein, Joan Hanley.

FRONT—Carol Schuler, Mary Lou Forton, Katherine Croft, Irene Zehler, Margaret Talbot, Joan Schmid.

The judges in the Miss America Contest, at Atlantic City, next summer, won't have as much trouble selecting their queen as we had electing our class officers. Being Number One Girl in the Senior Class is almost as important as being Miss America. Rita Hurliman was crowned Miss President and Ann Wangler, Geraldine Kustra and Joan Schmid shared the reign as her attendants.

The stage was darkened; the players were tense, when suddenly — a blood-curdling scream pierced the air. Then s-l-o-w-l-y, an unwilling victim was dragged before the jury. There could be only one verdict — GUILTY, of being a FRESH-MAN. And that, on Initiation Day, was an unpardonable offense. To be or not to be initiated, that was the question. (Apologies to the Bard of Avon.)

An American in Paris would be as lonely as a real Frenchman in the French Club, organized by Sister Maris Stella—FOR ADVANCED STUDENTS—ONLY. Even though we attempt to conduct our meetings in our native tongue, our English "brogue" always comes to the rescue when we're "stuck." I wonder if anyone in the audience knows how to say "Okay" in French?

And now, through the courtesy of our sponsors, we bring you the Senior Class Motto — "Procrastination — ever backwards." If anyone doubts the sincerity of our devotion to our theme, we recommend a little chat with Sister Mary of Good Counsel. I'm sure that she'll convince you that it's true.

SHHH!!! "No talking behind scenes, girls. Every little noise carries." Does that sound familiar? Could it be Miss Wesley directing the Christmas play? All the weeks and weeks of practicing and worrying had transformed mere "lines" into

The Seniors Reminisce

REAR—Marilyn Scheelar, Rita Hurliman, Nancy Zilker, Mildred Monaco, Carol Schaab, Patricia Kocinski, Patricia McKenzie.

FRONT—Geraldine Kustra, Clara Leising, Eva Miskey, Antoinette Lewandowski, Norma Sherman, Judy Werdein, Joan Sherman.

the fairy tale of a Yuletide performance. The magic formula — "Curtain Going Up" transplanted us from the stage of St. Nick's to the village of Greccio and the legend of the first Christmas Crib.

A mania for contests seems to have invaded the room. So far, we've tried everything from scholarships to essays on "How I Feel About Music." It must be wonderful to be an English teacher and have to correct these literary masterpieces.

Now we'll take time out to say "Thank you" to the Juniors for entertaining us so royally at the Junior-Senior Banquet. Eating is our hobby, and chief indoor sport, so we all had a salubrious time.

Oh! Doesn't she look lovely? Is that a *real* orchid? Did Richard succeed in borrowing his father's car? This was OUR VERY OWN CLASS NIGHT! It was every bit as wonderful as we'd dreamed that it would be. We floated on a pink cloud in Heaven instead of dancing in St. Nick's gym. How could one think of REGENTS at a time like this?

Twenty-seven poised young ladies glided down the aisle of Saint Nicholas Church through an honor guard on graduation day. Had you peered closely, you'd have discovered twenty-seven pairs of swollen eyes and tear-stained cheeks. Much as we hate to admit it, we'll miss school, our friends and teachers, but most of all, we'll miss our "beloved Nemesis," American History. The world should prepare itself for a drastic change, for who can stop twenty-seven determined "women." (Any volunteers?)

This is Station S-E-N-I-O-R signing off and bidding you all "Farewell." Our next broadcast will be made in Heaven. I'll see you all then.

Katherine P. Croft

SAINT NICHOLAS

"It's wiser being good than bad;
It's safer being meek than fierce."

Although as quiet as a tiny mouse, Katie stands out because of her lovely black hair, a marked contrast to her ivory complexion. Being the diminutive member of the class has decided advantages, which Kate well knows, for, as a Junior, she had the signal honor of leading twenty-six beaming archbearers on Class Night. Our Katherine is the mirror of courtesy and her demure manner has won her many friends in her four years at St. Nicholas. Katie's patience and understanding will surely make her career as a "lady in white" most successful.

An army of youth

Nancy Ann Foley

SAINT MARY OF SORROWS

"Let what fortune haunt the house,
Life's a cat and man's a mouse."

Star of the basketball court, Nancy is sure to run up the score for good old St. Nick's. Agility and speed have given her this prestige. Nance's loyalty and school spirit have encouraged others on the team. A carefree and jovial manner is Nancy's contribution to the class and she is ever on the alert for a good laugh. More often, however, she is the victim of some practical joker. Her knack for jitterbugging is leading her to two-timing to the music and fashioning an enthusiastic instructor for all having the courage to learn. As an "R.N.", Nancy's years ahead can be no less than eventful and prosperous.

Mary Lou E. Forton

SAINT MARY MAGDALEN

"If I had peace to sit and sing,
Then I would make a lovely thing."

Flash! Have you heard the latest news? Mary Lou has finally fulfilled her greatest ambition to sing a duet with Johnnie Johnston. For four years Mary has entertained at our various socials. Besides being blessed with a gift to make song, she has the mental ability keen enough to place her on the yearbook staff. With her charming personality and attractive ways, she's bound to "go over the top" in the musical profession. Very soon, we venture to predict, we'll be disgracefully bragging that we once "knew" the famous musical comedy queen, Doris Day's successor — Miss Mary Lou Forton.

Flying standards of Truth,

Joan Marie Hanley

SAINT NICHOLAS

"No time to turn as Beauty's glance,
And watch her feet, how they can dance!"

Nonchalant and carefree . . . our Joannie . . . dancing is her specialty. Many have been the occasions that she entertained us with a tap or acrobatic dance. Rumors have it that she even practiced while performing her duties as head librarian. For the last two basketball seasons, Joan's enthusiastic cheers enlivened every game. In her Junior year she had an active part in the publication of the "Nicholette." Versatility and will-power are assurances of the success attendant upon the "Terpsichorean Institute," Joan plans to open.

Best of Luck,
Love, Rita

Rita Jean Hurliman

SAINT AGNES

"The wonder was not quite yet gone
From that still look of hers."

A great future is prophesied for Rita, dowered as she is with the best of life's gifts . . . determination, sense of responsibility and the "savoir faire" for winning friends. Rita entered Saint Nicholas as a scholarship pupil and has shown her worthiness by her scholastic record. In her Freshman and Sophomore years, she was vice-president; during her Junior year, editor of the "Nicholette." Senior president and member of "Vistas" staff, Rita has fastened two final laurel leaves to her crown. B.S.T.C. will be fortunate next year when the school bell rings for the fall semester.

We're fighting for Christ, the Lord.

Patricia M. Kennedy

SAINT MARY OF SORROWS

"Know'st thou not her tender heart?
O world, be nobler for her sake!"

That "Irish" look without the temper . . . always calm and cool; a soothing voice, but exciting and gay! Pat can always be found where there's fun and merriment. She's gifted with an incomparable sense of humor and an appreciation for the brighter side of life. The more serious side is leading her along the pathway where her cheerful, happy spirit will transform her into that "cheerful giver," beloved of Christ, the King, a Big Sister to the more unfortunate, and a topnotch Cadet Teacher.

Best of luck.
So a swell girl
Betty

Elizabeth Ann Klee

SAINT JAMES

"With angels in strong level flight,
Her eyes prayed, and she smiled."

Today her skilled fingers on the keyboard make music for our entertainment; tomorrow those soothing hands will comfort a suffering patient. The memory of her flashing eyes, raven hair and sunny personality will endure long in the memories of her classmates. Betty, too, is a member of the "Vistas" staff, a reward for her persevering zeal in the field of study. Surely the loyalty, precision and neatness, so characteristic of her endeavors, will constitute an asset in her career as a "Lady of the Lamp."

Heads lifted high,

Patricia Ann Kocinski

VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

"Hers is a spirit deep and crystal clear,
Calmly beneath her earnest face it lies!"

Pat hitched a ride on St. Nick's carryall, just in time to finish the trip, but even so, she won all hearts the first week. Her welcome hand, ever outstretched, aids the weaker members of the chemistry class, even to the sacrificing of a thumb for the cause, if need be. Keenly artistic, Pat's help for the Christmas play was invaluable. Not an actual member of the yearbook staff, she is, nevertheless, an untiring assistant to Irene Zehler, Art Editor. A love for the amusing gives Pat the unique ability of catapulting the class into spasms at off-moments. Her application is on the desk of the F.B.I. agent and if accepted, she'll revolutionize the system.

Geraldine S. Kustra

SAINT NICHOLAS

"While faith and hope beamed from her dark brown eyes, which wore the seal of youth."

Watch out! Stand back and give her plenty of room. Hurrah! She did it! Gerry just won the polka contest! Besides dancing, "Ger" likes sports and the best in clothes. Gerry's soft brown "cow-eyes," as the girls unpoetically call them, could wangle from them their most treasured possessions, or make them believe that the Niagara had run dry. We wonder how it will work out with her patients when she enters the nursing profession. Gerry's Guardian Angel is going to lead a "rough" life trying to keep her from convincing a dying person that "it really doesn't hurt; you just *think* that it does."

Catholic Action our cry,

Clara Loraine Leising

SAINT JAMES

"Since I was a little child,
My spirit has been swift and wild."

Bunny's earnest, sincere efforts enabled her to win a scholarship to the Academy. She certainly has lived up to standard by the maintenance of a high average throughout her academic years, a feat rewarded by membership on the "Vistas" staff. Her vivid imagination and flare for witty remarks keeps the fun ball rolling within class precincts. Stories, compositions, essays and year book copy, always stamped with originality, have given Bunny an early start in her projected lifework — journalism.

Antoinette C. Lewandowski

SAINT MARY OF SORROWS

"No time to wait till her mouth can
Emit the smile her eyes began."

Nettie, petite and neat, possesses a superb spirit of cooperation. Her easy-going way makes her a valuable addition to any class project, where her friendly sense of humor smoothes out wrinkled surfaces. She has been aptly named "Vishinsky" because of her favorite pastime of exercising VETO power at class meetings. Election to the class secretariate in both the Sophomore and Junior years, is ample proof of her efficiency and popularity, and fills us with confidence that the F.B.I. will have a clever Sherlock Holmes in our "Toni," as Sister calls her.

And the Cross our only sword.

Patricia Ann McKenzie

SAINT GERARD

"A countenance with beckoning smile,
A scarlet fire within her golden locks."

"Red's" demure and ladylike manner was kept in mind at the Freshman election, which won for her the post of secretary. Although she left us for one year, love of the Academy, the class, or both, brought her back to us the following September. As a Junior, Pat's fund for the yearbook exceeded that of anyone else. The ability to express a decisive opinion has proved its worth, especially when attempting reduction of fractions on history assignments. Her essay on Civic Planning earned for her a certificate of merit in her Senior year. Patricia is looking forward to a long golden lifetime as "Peter's Queen."

Eva Frances Miskey

SAINT MARY OF SORROWS

"She was wild and sweet and witty
Let's not say dull things about her."

"Fifi's" ability to brighten an otherwise dull day with a pun or two, has endeared her to each one of her class. An ardent basketball player, she's also an all-around sports fan. The winner of a coveted scholarship, Eva has maintained her high scholastic standing during her four years at the Academy, which explains her place on the "Vistas" Staff. If Eva's ambition, whatever it may be, depends upon her good sportsmanship, she will surely rise to great heights. Her friends think that she could achieve success making people happy.

On earth's battlefield

Mildred Carmela Monaco

HOLY FAMILY

"Her mirth the world required.
She bathed it in smiles of glee."

Here comes Santa Claus!! Wonder what SHE is going to bring me? Who??? Millie, of course! Our good-natured friend has understudied for Kriss Kringle for the past four years and, believe it or not, she's better than the original, a perfect "natural" for the part. Millie's heart is as large as herself and whenever help is wanted, Mil is right on the job, no matter how difficult the task. An argumentative personality has influenced her decision to become a member of the Bar. Happiness and success, Millie, and may Saint Thomas More be your guiding star.

Carol M. Schaab

SAINT MATTHEW

"Yet was her face both great and kind
For courtesy was in her mind."

Recall that murderous villain in the "mystery thriller" of the Sophomore Variety Show? Who could believe that it was our own well-liked Carol? Changed for the better since being made aware of the "error of her ways," she has developed into a good citizen with unsurpassed executive acumen. Her election to the presidency of the Junior Class, French and Dramatic Clubs gives ample testimony of these leadership qualities. A beautifully-written essay, entitled "Friendship," chosen from among thousands throughout the nation, was published in the "National High School Anthology." Congratulations, Carol! It looked fine in print.

Never a vantage we'll yield

Marilyn Ann Scheelar

HOLY NAME

"Her smile was undisturbed and sweet
Her courtesy was free and gay."

Marilyn's advent in the Sophomore year brought a new and valued friend to the class. Anyone acquainted with Lynn, cannot help being inspired by her conscientious efforts to progress educationally, a quality that, without doubt, is the reason she "made" the yearbook staff. Her splendid command of the "King's English" makes the rest of us keep "Friend Noah" within easy reach. Next year? D'Youville College. Aim? To become a Junior High School HISTORY instructor. It has been said that "good teachers are born, not made," and in face of this adage, we'd say that Marilyn qualifies.

Joan Margaret Schmid

SAINT MARY OF SORROWS

"Her heart is like a garden fair
Where many pleasant blossoms grow."

A class officer for four years! And nobody has passed an amendment to some Constitution to limit these terms? Indeed, no! Since "the proof of the pudding is in the eating," so Joan's constant succession of offices is proof of her popularity in the eyes of her friends. As Valedictorian, too, she automatically became Editor-in-Chief of "Vistas." Abounding in energy for study, basketball and extracurricular activities of all kinds, she even sandwiches in a group of music pupils — in her spare time. Joan hasn't committed herself with respect to the future, but we hope it is MUSIC.

As dauntlessly on we swing.

Carol Ann Schuler

SAINT MARY MAGDALEN

"Golden hair, eyes of blue,
Ready to dispense a smile or two."

1 - 2 - 3 - 4! Who are we for? Junior Red Cross!! Rah! Rah! Rah! Sandy's sunny smile has shed its radiancy in our classroom during its deadliest hours of gloom (EXAMS). Doubtless, you'll remember her as a rather flighty piece — "Vera Cheera," star of the Class Night Monolog. B U T . . . NEED A FRIEND?? See Sandy and you won't be repulsed. If the stars in the firmament need to have their faces lifted or their beams gilded, Carol will be glad to oblige in her modern Beauty Salon. She's such a generous soul, that she'll do the job gratis (if they promise to recommend her to their friends).

Joan Ann Sherman

SAINT MARY OF SORROWS

"The smile of truth played on her coral lips,
And on her cheek the blush of innocence."

Would you like to be the possessor of black, naturally curly hair? That's Joannie's pride and joy and one which makes her the envy of every Senior not so blessed. This half of the Sherman Duet plans to attend State Teachers and enhance the erudite profession. Our advice to her is, "Be careful of the homework." Someday she may recall and heed Sister Mary of Good Counsel's oft-repeated advice, when Junior has just proved to the stern Miss Sherman his ability to comprehend but one subject — the manufacture of the proverbial spitball — "His Mother loves him." (Unquote.)

Comrades true, dare and do

Norma M. Sherman

SAINT BONIFACE

"Like a queen, with that regal air she had, so confident of her charm."

"Miss Sophistication" of the Class of '51, comprises the other half of the "Sherman Duet." Being the "baby" of the Senior Class is not easy by any means, but Norma's intelligence is equal to the task and far surpasses her tender years. She's most precocious. As for the fine art of argumentation, Norma is a match for any first class debater. Always willing to lend a hand, her suggestions have met with much enthusiasm at class meetings. Although Sister Mary of Good Counsel may have difficulty in differentiating between the Shermans, classmates associate Norma's name with a heart, light and gay.

Mary Lou Steinback

SAINT MARY OF SORROWS

"Somehow with all the time to spare
A brave new shining world somewhere."

Despite the fact that Mary Lou is "Miss Reserve," nevertheless, when she speaks, a wealth of wisdom flows from out her lips. An accomplished roller-skater, this pastime occupies many leisure hours — that is, when history assignments don't serve as substitutes. It is no secret that homework isn't one of her greatest loves and that Mary Lou anxiously awaits the day when pencils and books are heavily rationed. At present, she lives from moment to moment, without thought of the future, but whatever her plans may evolve into, she'll be a valiant "soldieress" in the army of Christ the King, doing her part to win the world for Him.

'Neath the Queen's white and blue,

Margaret Ann Talbot

SAINT NICHOLAS

"She knew not those sweet words she spake,
Nor knew her own sweet way."

Peggy's gay mood is a challenge to any depressing atmosphere and her optimistic view of life has been instrumental in keeping up the morale of her classmates. Never an unkind word or deed can be attributed to Peg. She has ever been a sympathetic and willing listener to others' troubles. Her pride lies in her "gift o' gab." Could this possibly be the Irish in her? Loyalty and cooperation in school projects are an integral part of this daughter of Erin. Patience, neatness and a knack of acquiring friends spell sure success for "Peg o' my heart" in the business world.

Ann E. Wangler

SAINT BONIFACE

"Good morning, Life, — and all things glad and beautiful."

Saint Francis in the Christmas play and truly "girl of the year," Ann's capability, one of her shining assets, is responsible for her assistant editorship of "Vistas" and vice-presidency of the Class of '51. Her scholastic success is due to the whole-souled manner of attacking and mastering the "little things." Ann hasn't revealed her ideas for the future, outside of the fact that she intends to enroll in Canisius College Evening Session for a Liberal Arts Course. It is common opinion, however, that she is blessed with highest aspirations and we know that she will attain much happiness in the realization of these ideals.

For our flag, for our faith,

Bonnie M. Werdein

SAINT BONIFACE

"To spare thee now is past our pow'r
Thou bonnie gem!"

There are many lovers of animals in this world and Bonnie is one of them. Just give her a cat and she'll be the essence of contentment. Bonnie, the younger of the Misses Werdein, portrayed the role of Baby Snooks' father in a skit presented in the Sophomore year. Quietness and determination are Bonnie's shining qualities. Whenever suggestions are in order, Bonnie is right there. Tis a smart "Scotch" lass she is, too (in effect, that is), for she hopes to enroll as a cadet teacher at D'Youville College, so that she can "learn and earn" simultaneously. Remember, Bonnie, all homework and no play, will give you a class of geniuses.

Judith A. Werdein

SAINT BONIFACE

"Her voice was like the voice the stars
Had when they sang together."

Snip! Snip! Snip! It's only our Judy cutting Friars' costumes for the Christmas play, a task that kept her out of mischief many shining hours. She played beloved Saint Joseph, too, not a part of the original script, but written in, especially, because Judy felt that the Patron of the Universal Church was being subjected to contumelious neglect. Versatile Judith can sing a sweet note, and possesses artistic talent of high degree, as was evinced in the stage decorations for the "Crib of Greccio" and the artwork in the yearbook, in collaboration with Pat Kocinski and Irene Zehler. Sweet as can be — full of ambition — best depicts "Judibus."

For Christ the King,

Irene C. Zehler

SAINT NICHOLAS

"For so was the still movement of her
hands
And such the pure line's gracious flow."

An artist of no mean ability, Irene has been of invaluable assistance in class projects, and when her Regents record was checked, she merited membership on "Vistas" staff, being unanimously selected as Art Editor. A charming smile, plus amiable mannerisms have endeared her to all since she joined our ranks in her Sophomore year. The future? Like the Sphinx of Egypt, Irene does not commit herself. Who knows? Perhaps we'll find ourselves in the comics some fine evening — the heroines of that sensational new strip — "Life with American History."

Nancy Marie Zilker

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD, ORCHARD PARK

"Her eyes were deeper than the depth of water stilled at even."

A girl with plenty of stamina is our Nancy. How else could she have traveled daily for four years from that far distant region, Orchard Park, to attend Saint Nick's? Tis a mystery how she managed to arrive so punctually on mornings when her city pals were forced to dig themselves out with snow shovel and plow. Such PERSISTENT PERSEVERANCE should be the means of fashioning a chief executive out of Nancy. Who knows — someday she may hire one of us, instead of "Old Faithful," the alarm clock, to awaken her early enough to fly to New York for an important business consultation. (SHOPPING) ! !

For Christ the King.

Christ lifts His hands,
The King commands:
His challenge, "Come and follow me."
From ev'ry side,
With eager stride,
We form the lines of victory.

Let foemen lurk,
And laggards shirk,
We throw our fortunes with the Lord.
Mary's Son, Till the world is won,
We have pledged you our loyal word.

Our Unintellectuality

Name	*Song*	*Expression*	*Ambition*	*Noted For*
Katherine Croft	"Sentimental Journey"	"No kiddin'?"	To be able to roller skate	Quietness
Nancy Foley	"Dream a Little Dream of Me"	"Ho! Ho! That's rich!"	Own a rebuilt vacuum cleaner	Expert basket shooting
Mary Lou Forton	"Embraceable You"	"Jazzee"	To sing a duet with Johnnie Johnston	Various expressions
Joan Hanley	"Velvet Lips"	"Why for?"	To be a television dancer	Her gift to laugh
Rita Hurliman	"Little White Lies"	"Pretty cool"	To live at Sunset Bay all summer	Responsibility
Patricia Kennedy	"Powder Your Face with Sunshine"	"That's rare!"	To go skiing	Unruffled complacent disposition
Betty Klee	"If"	"I'll be doggonned!"	To be the first to reach the Moon or Mars	Happy disposition
Pat Kocinski	"I'm Glad I Met You"	"Oh gee!"	To be a citizen of Eldorado	Facial expressions
Geraldine Kustra	"I'll Always Love You"	"Honestly?"	To be a mother of twelve	Quick movements
Clara Leising	"April Showers"	"Be good"	Publish her own newspaper	Being a naughty girl
Antoinette Lewandowski	"Tennessee Waltz"	"Dearie"	Own a Pontiac	Comedy
Pat McKenzie	"I'm a Lonely Little Petunia in an Onion Patch"	"For Pete's sake"	To own a television and a rocking chair	Her red hair
Eva Miskey	"Mockingbird Hill"	"Get a load of that!"	Chief tester in a mattress factory	That grin
Mildred Monaco	"If"	"George"	Be District Attorney	Her big heart
Carol Schaab	"Alice Blue Gown"	"Oh, baloney!"	To see the world	Conversation in French
Marilyn Scheelar	"My Destiny"	"Think you're wise"	To bowl "300"	Conscientiousness
Joan Schmid	"Because"	"n — 'it?"	To understand people	Brains
Carol Schuler	"My Heart Cries for You"	"Holy cow"	To have a flock of little ones	Blonde hair
Joan Sherman	"In Your Arms"		Own a winter sport lodge	Curly hair
Norma Sherman	"Little Girl"	"You'll be all right"	To be flag-woman at the auto races	Broad voca-bil-ary
Mary Lou Steinback	"My Heart Cries for You"	"Gee whiz!"	To be a roller derby star	For always getting a seat on the bus
Margaret Talbot	"Peg o' My Heart"	"That's jazzy—Hey?"	To publish a joke book	Gift o' gab
Ann Wangler	"Golden Days"	"Never a dull moment"	To know which way her nose is pointed	Sweetness
Bonnie Werdein	"To Think You've Chosen Me To Be Your Own"	"Holy Cow"	To meet Gordon MacRae	Placidity
Judy Werdein	"Whispering Hope"	"Some fun!"	To make up her mind	Clever ideas
Irene Zehler	"Mockingbird Hill"	"Nerts"	To do away with history	Cute manners
Nancy Zilker	"Nevertheless"	"Yeah!"	To work at Hambleton No. "14"	Never telling about her boy friend

Class Night

Slowly, the curtains parted to display a setting of flowers and a gay panorama of color, a prelude to the formal presentation of the annual Senior Class Night program. All the torture, perspiration and tears shed during the long gruelling hours of rehearsal, were amply repaid by the enthusiastic response from the enthralled audience. Surely, the fact that most of the onlookers were our parents and close friends, couldn't have been the only reason for their very evident enjoyment.

The program was one of quiet charm — the scene of a classmate's wedding; a rose garden in full June bloom; a happy reunion after ten years of separation. With song and dialog, we relived our happy days at Saint Nicholas Academy and bequeathed our honorable positions as Seniors to the Class of '52.

The passage 'neath the floral arches proudly held by the Juniors arrayed in their dainty gowns of pastel shades, transformed the evening into a bit of fairyland. Tumultuous excitement reached its zenith as we joined our parents at the conclusion of the program for a few happy words before the dance.

Lights dimmed to a soft glow, sweet, lilting strains filled the air as young couples glided past, lost in the enchantment of the moment. Silks and satins rustled to the accompaniment of gay laughter as we danced on into the witching midnight hour.

The violins faded to a pianissimo, but not our spirits. With singing hearts and radiant faces, we regretfully left behind the joys of this night of nights, sending our thanks heavenward to the King of Kings and the Queen of Heaven, Mother Mary. This represented for us the fulfillment of a dream, a modern fairy tale, which had transformed each young maiden of the Class of '51 into a living Cinderella. THIS WAS OUR OWN CLASS NIGHT.

Flashes of the Future

It's Clara Leising, your daily gossip columnist, bringing you the latest news flashes on famous celebrities . . .

Miss Judy Werdein, noted fashion designer, has just left for Paris, accompanied by her secretary and cohort, Bonnie Werdein, to design an exclusive creation for the celebrated singer-actress of stage and screen, Mary Lou Forton . . .

Antoinette Lewandowski, well-known F.B.I. Agent, got her man today, with the aid of Agents Patricia Kocinski and Katie Croft . . .

Mildred Monaco, renowned Attorney-at-Law, is currently engaged in a heated debate with Carol Schaab, District Attorney. The debate concerns the legality of lady wrestlers in New York State . . .

Flash! The votes are in and so is Rita Hurliman, first Lady President of the U. S. . . .

Looks as if the country is in for a financial uplift since Joan Schmid has been appointed Secretary of the Treasury . . .

The air was filled with melodious notes as Betty Klee, pianist, displayed her talents to a record-breaking crowd last night at Carnegie Hall . . .

'Midst exuberant cheers of joy, Eva Miskey and Nancy Foley marched to another victory in the sprightly basketball game held in Memorial Auditorium, yesterday evening . . .

The center of a tempting array of delicious, homemade cakes at the State Fair, Ann Wangler's was awarded the Blue Ribbon for the most tantalizing and appetizing cake in the competition . . .

It's a bird! It's a plane! No! It's Mary Lou Steinback, flying by to lead her team to victory, in another Roller Derby series . . .

Dancer, Joan Hanley, and comedian, Peggy Talbot, co-star in the new Television program, "Don't Stop the Music" . . .

Agriculturist, Nancy Zilker, has revolutionized modern farming and startled Science. The cause of the turmoil? Nancy has perfected the first squirtless grapefruit . . .

Here's a little item that should interest all students. The learned history Professors, Marilyn Scheeler and Joan Sherman, have completed their new text book, one, they say, that will make all pupils *love History* . . .

The bells chimed, the air was scented with orange blossoms, as Miss Patricia McKenzie floated down the aisle this morning, the first June bride of the year . . .

It was announced, early today, that Dr. Patricia Kennedy will have the capable assistance of nurses, Carol Schuler and Geraldine Kustra, in a delicate brain operation to be performed next week . . .

Don't be surprised if Mickey Mouse changes appearances a little. Artist, Irene Zehler, has recently been added to the staff of Walt Disney . . .

Outstanding News Columnist, Norma Sherman, will leave for Europe today, to obtain a complete report on news abroad . . .

And that's the up to date news of the minute on personalities of the hour. Tune in again.

Rita Hurliman
Kathryn Craft
Norma Sherman
Carol Schuler
Patricia Kennedy
Mary Lou Forton
Irene Zehler
Clara Leising
Betty Klee
Judy Werdein
Joan Sherman
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Carol Schaab
Eva Miskey
Joan Hanley
Mary Lou Steinback
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Berthold Studio
formerly Goldtone
Buffalo, N.Y.

At Times . . . We're Here

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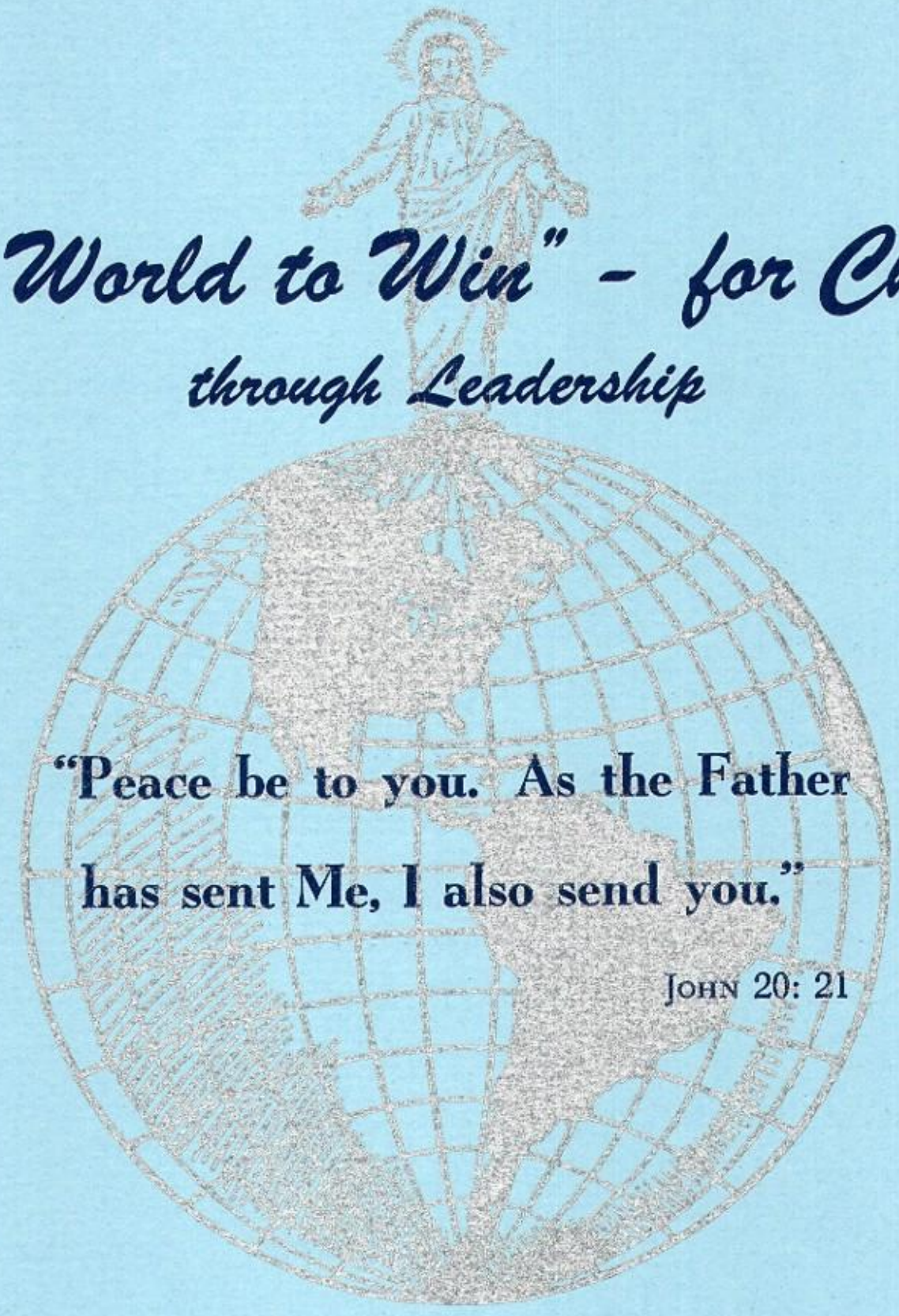
Nancy Foley	175 Herman St.	HU. 3393
Mary Lou Forton	1275 Genesee St.	FI. 0580
Joan Hanley	193 Riley St.	GA. 8979
Rita Hurliman	1150 Bailey Ave.	TA. 2497
Patricia Kennedy	458½ Best St.	GA. 8024
Elizabeth Klee	52 Alice St.	HU. 2211
Patricia Kocinski	52 Regent St.	HU. 0332
Geraldine Kustra	102 Eaton St.	LI. 3790
Clara Leising	256 Shirley Ave.	AM. 3327
Antoinette Lewandowski	245 Strauss St.	BA. 1337
Patricia McKenzie	996 East Delavan Ave.	TA. 3312
Eva Miskey	47 Myers St.	TA. 8035
Mildred Monaco	86 Woodside Ave.	FA. 6131
Carol Schaab	296 French St.	TA. 9389
Marilyn Scheelar	222 Wood Ave.	BA. 2538
Joan Schmid	249 Strauss St.	TA. 0434
Carol Schuler	841 Northampton St.	BA. 2033
Joan Sherman	829 Jefferson Ave.	MO. 7554
Norma Sherman	256 Maple St.	EL. 2499
Mary Lou Steinback	1214 Genesee St.	BA. 4138
Margaret Talbot	385 Masten Ave.	
Ann Wangler	57 Rose St.	
Bonnie Werdein	239 High St.	
Judy Werdein	239 High St.	
Irene Zehler	81 Woodlawn Ave.	
Nancy Zilker	79 Armour Rd., Orchard Park, N. Y.	ID. 3116

"A World to Win" - for Christ

through Leadership



"Peace be to you. As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

JOHN 20: 21

GOAL IN LIFE

PRINCIPLE IN ACTION

Undergraduates

Juniors Help Win the World

JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS

SEATED—Rosemary Tenney, Vice-President; Patricia Hallman, President.
STANDING—Barbara Hassler, Treasurer; Teresa Schieder, Secretary.

Like MacArthur, WE DID RETURN, to pick up our burdens and continue along the tedious road to graduation. All America hailed the General as a conquering hero when he DID go back, but our welcoming committee, Sister M. Madeleva, greeted us, armed only with the cheerful news that we should be accorded the honor of being upperclass "women."

Battling the jungles and mosquitoes in the Pacific was mere child's play compared with our election campaigns. Every good army has to have its "Top brass" and commanding officers, and ours — Patricia Hallman, Rosemary Tenney, Teresa Schieder and Barbara Hassler — should receive special citations for "outstanding bravery above and beyond the line of duty."

"Into each life some rain must fall." Those poor Freshies must have been born during a rainstorm, for all the joy that life offered them at initiation ceremonies. Our pencils flew fast and furiously, while we "borrowed" ideas and took notes on

Juniors Help Win the World

REAR—Marie Muehlbauer, Anna Schmid, Patricia Popiela, Aline Jendrowski.
FRONT—Jane Fitzsimmons, Geraldine Hartmann, Teresa Schieder, Rosemary Tenney, Sylvia Whittaker, Harriet Stiegler.

what NOT to do to the poor pledges when we're Seniors. (Diabolical criminals like our class, can invent tortures guaranteed to make even "Uncle Joe" turn green with envy.)

Many centuries ago, in the make-believe world of fairy tales, where imagination is the key to adventure, King Midas learned that the "Golden Touch" was a curse. We Juniors borrowed his talent from the "little people" and made a fabulous profit on our skating party. Dignity suffered a bit from this venture however, when we tried to show-off.

Even the mighty Seniors let their emotions "spill out" at our choral rendition of "The Beautiful Hands of a Priest" on the occasion of Monsignor McGloin's birthday celebration in school. (Anyone desirous of autographs, may write. We shall be very glad to send them to any of our "admirers.")

You may have heard of angels named Michael or Raphael, but few people know of the heavenly mission of twenty-four junior-grade cherubs, who had the honor of being angels for the first and last time in their lives at the Christmas play. We've only one worry at present — How are we going to do a sneak act back into heaven without meeting Saint Peter guarding the "Pearly Gates"?

Juniors Help Win the World

REAR—Anne Schlepegrell, Patricia Hallman, Mary Rackl, Nancy Whalen, Barbara Hassler.
FRONT—Marlene Harris, Virginia Hetherly, Dolores Zehler, Agnes Cudeck, Margaret Wiesnet, Mary Wangler.

A gorgeous Christmas tree lent a jovial air to the holiday spirit and many times we caught ourselves concentrating on that big red bulb, or gleaming star, instead of on what Cicero said. (He's one man who could talk more than we women are supposed to be able to.) Very sadly, we left our beloved Alma Mater for a "well-earned" vacation.

There's but one thing wrong with attendance at school — EXAMS!! Everyone was overjoyed when Intermediate Algebra Regents was over. We decided to teach all our friends the fundamentals, starting with "two and two make five."

WANTED — VOLUNTEERS towards the hundreds of dirty dishes that we used at the Junior-Senior Banquet. We'll even furnish soap, if someone will supply "elbow grease." HIGHEST wages are paid to Sophomore applicants — the privilege of entertaining us in exactly eleven months, twenty-nine days and seven hours.

When we're old and gray, the magic of our Prom will be a joyous memory. It was marvelous to hear the rustling of taffeta, silks and nets. But all wonderful things have an end and just like Cinderella, we all rushed home at the stroke of twelve.

Time marches on and so do we — right into the Senior Class where we expect to spend the rest of our lives studying AMERICAN HISTORY.

Sophomore Silhouettes

REAR—Patricia Jendrowski, Mary Brown, Marie Dahm, Irene Szarpa, Arlene Mescall, Catherine Bucki, Jeanne Pritchard.

FRONT—Helen Jablonicky, Mary Keeley, Loretta Biller, Shirley Mumm, Joan Hupp, Faith Metzger.

With pleasant Freshman memories still "bobbing" in the minds of many, we assumed the more dignified role of Sophomores in the fall of 1950, and passed, once again, through the portals of Saint Nicholas Academy. Under the fine guidance and teaching of silent Sister Maris Stella, petite Sister Madeleva, and ambitious Sister Dionysia, the two-month-old cobwebs in our so-called brains were soon annihilated by the do's and dont's, which we're sure all will agree, have been repeated hundreds of times since.

Soon afterwards we were informed of a new addition to our schedule. We were to have weekly opportunities for Confession and spiritual guidance under the direction of Reverend Joseph Kennedy and Reverend Laslo Torontoli, S.P.

Next, it was time for the Sophs to begin activities in earnest under our re-elected president, "power-happy" Jeanne Pritchard and her cabinet, consisting of "veep" Rita Jean Faticoni; "pencil pusher" Loretta Biller; and "currency boss" Marie Dahm.

Once more we proved our acting ability on Monsignor McGloin's birthday. Our contribution toward this annual event was a "Mellerdrama," produced in humorous pantomime under the splendid supervision of Miss Helen Wesley.

During the cold months of October, November and December, we set out to sell cards, assorted and Christmas. The profit, a crisp one hundred dollar bill,

Sophomore Silhouettes

REAR—Joan Martin, Patricia Hadaway, Mary Kraemer, Rita McKenzie, Kathleen Mock, Rita Faticoni, Ann Diebold.

FRONT—Sharon Finnigan, Mary Ann Buyea, Barbaranne Bowers, Katherine Naples, Eileen Mulvey, Patricia Nowinski.

which we presented to Sister Mary Inez, was but a small token of our appreciation of all she has done for us.

By the time December rolled along, plans for the Senior Christmas presentation, "The Crib at Greccio," were in full swing. As usual, the play went off beautifully, enhanced by the Sophomore Chorale "en français." (Thank you, Sister Maris Stella, for the correct pronunciation.) Pardon our French.

Christmas is synonymous with party time at the Academy. After indulgence in goodies, contributions of music and gifts, there were a few professional-like charades and dancing surpassable only by Vera-Ellen herself. With this single coin deposited in a treasury of memories, we left with the joy of another Yuletide season at the Academy in our hearts.

If you saw some shaky figures creeping up the stairs about the middle of January, they were only Sophomores. "Will I remember that preposition?" Isn't Perry Como dreamy?" (Well, to get back to the subject . . .) "What's the French word for 'How'?" These represent but a few of the numerous questions asked in our room at the commencement of those gruelling midterm exams. It was "all work and no play," as we proved ourselves worthy of the title "Sophomore," but as it was, practically the entire class passed Latin, etc. (Julius Caesar included), which in itself, seemed a momentous victory.

Sophomore Silhouettes

SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS

LEFT TO RIGHT—Marie Dahm, Treasurer; Rita Faticoni, Vice-President; Jeanne Pritchard, President; Loretta Biller, Secretary.

Shortly after the tests were over, the Parent-Teachers Association entertained us with an afternoon of fun — a Penny Party in the gym. Many of the girls walked away from the attractive booths with useful, decorative . . . and DELICIOUS prizes.

Easter time approached, a joyous period in which many Lenten resolutions and sacrifices bore fruit in various ways. As a pre-Easter gesture, the Catholic Charities Appeal gave us the opportunity of proving our sisterly love for the unfortunate through our contributions.

After Easter was over, we decided that it would be a good idea to have a movie as a medium of enjoyment. We paid for the reel ourselves, charged admission and gave the proceeds to Sister Mary Inez with the compliments of the Sophomore Class. Both the Academic and Elementary Departments voted our project a success, as they pleasurably viewed it.

Since the selling of the "Far East," the monthly mission magazine, is a Sophomore responsibility, Mary Kraemer and Arlene Mescall were appointed to the task of disposing of this periodical, and acquitted themselves admirably throughout the entire school.

May brought with it those exciting preparations for Senior Class Night. Naturally, we were flattered when some privileged souls among us were selected as usherettes and we could not help thinking of the greater honor that will be bestowed upon us in our Junior year.

We rounded out a purely enjoyable year at Saint Nicholas Academy with a gala and jolly picnic and the Sophomore Class of '51 anticipates entrance next fall as the Junior Class of '52 with renewed vigor and energy, with the additional desire to make next year even more interesting and memorable.

Sailing on the Good Ship S. N. A.

FRESHMAN CLASS OFFICERS

SEATED—Idamae Petschke, President.

STANDING — Barbara Carey, Secretary; Lucy McCafferty, Treasurer; Arline Bainbridge, Vice-President.

When the Harbor of Education opened last fall, an inexperienced crew of twenty-eight girls embarked on the initial stages of a four-year voyage through the Straits of Knowledge under the experienced guidance of Sister M. Dionysia, Captain. We were total strangers when we boarded ship, but as time wore on, we became well-acquainted with our respective teachers and classmates.

On October 11, 1950, the traditional Initiation took place, by which act we were officially accepted as members of the student body of Saint Nicholas Academy. As soon as this "enjoyable" experience was behind us, we carefully elected class officers. Capable Idamae Petschke was unanimous choice for president; lovable Barbara Carey, vice-president; versatile Arline Bainbridge, secretary; and Ireland's bit o' heaven, Lucy McCafferty, treasurer. Following this procedure, worthy Suzanne Hartke was selected as Freshman representative to the Scholastic Legion of Decency meetings; courteous Carolyn Lewczyk was chosen Junior Red Cross

Sailing on the Good Ship S. N. A.

REAR—Carolyn Lewczyk, Naomi Williams, JoAnn Schieder, Suzanne Hartke, Angeline Brisonet, Barbara Carey, Diane Francis.

FRONT—Patricia Doherty, Caroline Samrany, Katherine McDonald, Patricia McDonough, Lucy McCafferty, Dorothy Stein.

delegate; Corine Bainbridge and Barbara Carey were appointed librarians of the Freshman Class. Regret will never enter our minds, for we know we have chosen wisely and well.

At the commencement of the basketball season, the Freshies took an active part. With Claire Szarpa, Captain, and Corine Bainbridge, Secretary of the Junior Varsity Team, we played our first game against the J.V.'s of Bishop Quigley High. Despite the encouragement afforded by the energetic cheering of Nancy Scheelar, we went down to dfeat, but bore our loss as good sports.

Our first public appearance after initiation took place on the occasion of Monsignor McGloin's eighty-eighth birthday, November tenth. In December we were permitted to further display our vocal talent at the performances of the Christmas play presented by the beloved Seniors.

The following week we held our Christmas party. Yuletide spirit was rampant in the Freshman room, displaying itself in the enthusiastic trimming of a lordly spruce and room adornment. Christmas vacation seemed good after all the excitement, but proved to be the "calm before the storm" of — mid terms. However, most of the Freshman sailors managed to weather the gale, even though a few were left mopping the decks.

Sailing on the Good Ship S. N. A.

REAR—Diane Wesolek, Madonna DeGroat, Arline Bainbridge, Claire Szarpa, Jeanine Hinkley, Suzanne Wild, Idamae Petschke, Barbara Crump.

FRONT—Margaret Korzelius, Nancy Scheelar, Sylvia Fleissner, Theresa Colsen, Corinne Bainbridge, Maryanne Mason.

A pre-lenten "break" came in February with the P.T.A. Penny Sale. Routine prevailed until the selection of captains to tide us over the shoals of the Catholic Charities Drive. Diane Wesolek, Teresa Colson, Donna DeGroat and Barbara Crump spurred us on to sacrifice and contributions which startled even us.

While upperclassmen were struggling with increasingly difficult assignments, they perked their ears up at the strange sounds seeping through the First Year keyhole. Their curiosity was appeased, however, after the Lenten Season with a super-duper Variety Show, a production that only a Freshman group could possibly present.

With the successful skirting of one more reef — June exams — the Class of '54 will have reached the conclusion of the first stage in its four-year trip and hopes to complete the remaining three with as much enjoyment.

Sincere thanks is due to the members of the faculty for the many hours they have spent with us in patience and understanding. With these parting word, we dock and bid each other adieu until the next lap of our journey through the Straits of Knowledge.

Sometimes We Study

Stand Back!
It Might
Explode.

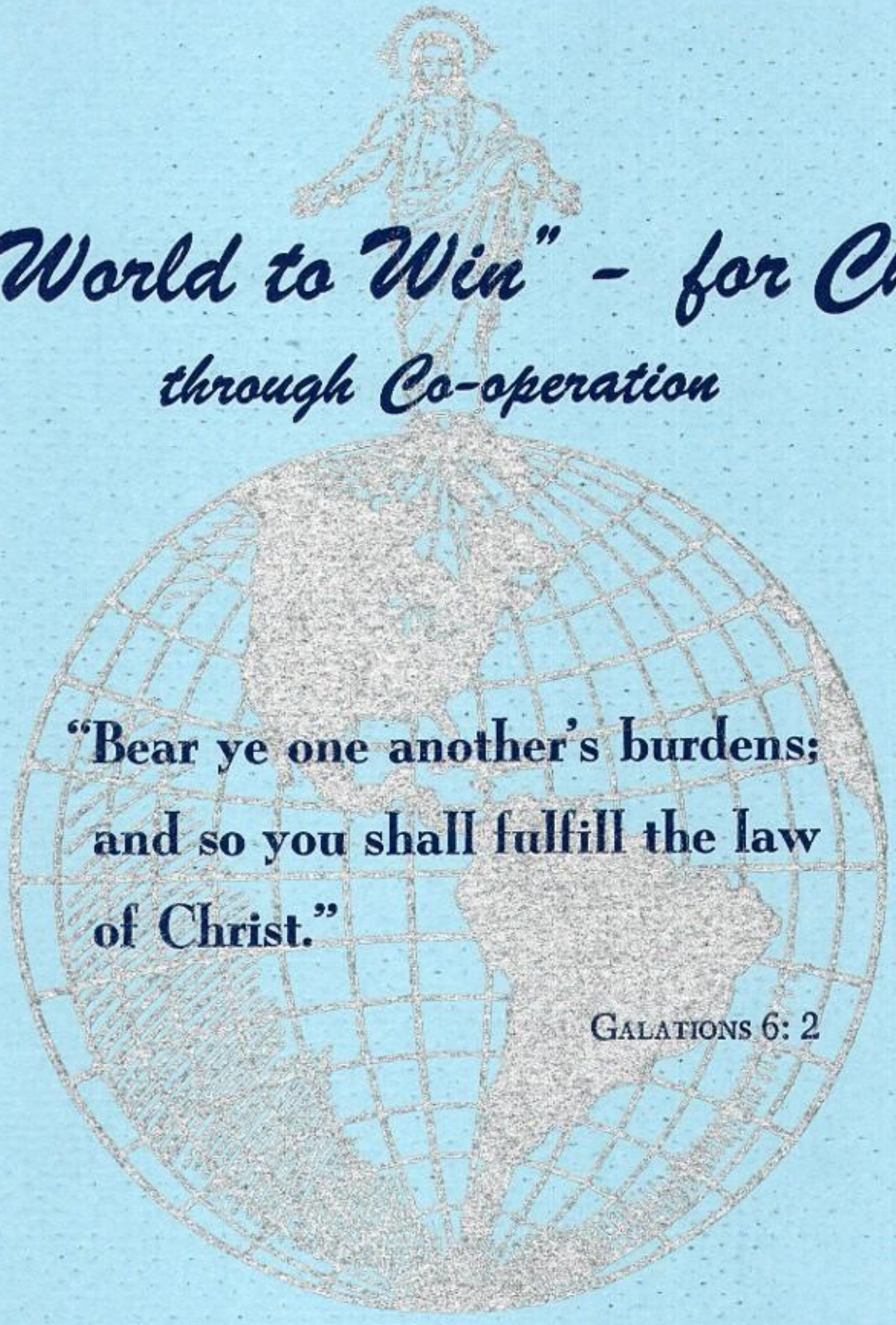
Amo, Amore
Oh! that Latin!

Murdering the
King's English.

The shortest
distance between
two points?
Ask the Sophs.

"A World to Win" - for Christ

through Co-operation



"Bear ye one another's burdens; and so you shall fulfill the law of Christ."

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LOYALTY TO CHRIST

CHARITY FOR ALL

Activities

Through Effort to Success

1950

"By leading its class for the sixth consecutive year, the St. Nicholas Academy Vistas gained permanent possession of its second Class D trophy. Trophies must be won three times — not necessarily in succession — to become the school's property. The Vistas was the only one of last year's winners to score a repeat victory."

BUFFALO EVENING NEWS, January 13, 1951

Past Victories

Blue Ribbon	1941 - 1942 - 1943
Honorable Mention	1944
Buffalo Evening News Trophy . .	1945 - 1946 - 1947
Buffalo Evening News Trophy . .	1948 - 1949 - 1950

The "Vistas" Staff

SEATED—Ann Wangler, Irene Zehler, Clara Leising, Joan Schmid, Editor-in-chief.
STANDING—Marilyn Scheelar, Betty Klee, Eva Miskey, Rita Hurliman, Mary Lou Forton.

All aboard for a trip to Saint Nicholas Academy and a visit with the "Vistas" Staff. Everybody ready? Here we go! Our first whistle stop is a small classroom in Dreamland where twenty-seven Seniors have just been informed that Joan Schmid has earned the coveted position of Editor-in-chief of their yearbook. And now, Engineer Schmid, with the able assistance of Conductor Ann Wangler, will conduct a tour of the "Editorial Office" — the "rumpus room." (It's become a second home to us.) Here almost every afternoon you'll find the staff busily at work chewing pencils, awaiting the inspiration of the Muse that will result in apt copy.

Full steam ahead! We're now on our way to the B.E.N. Yearbook Conference at Orchard Park Central High School. We expected to arrive on January 13, 1951— and we did. Then — as a hush fell over theaudience — the announcement came. WE WON!! It's really OUR VERY OWN now! What? Why the TROPHY, of course!

Last stop! — publication of OUR LITERARY MASTERPIECE — 1951 Edition of "Vistas!"

Victory
I n everything,
S mall and great, is ours for
T he taking,
As we travel along Life's highway,
S triving for perfection in all our undertakings.

An Innovation . . . The French Club

SEATED—Dolores Zehler, Junior Treasurer; Irene Zehler; Mary Wangler, Junior Secretary; Mary Rackl, Vice-President; Carol Schaab, President; Clara Leising, Senior Secretary; Margaret Talbot; Eva Miskey, Senior Treasurer.

STANDING—Antoinette Lewandowski, Katherine Croft, Bonnie Werdein, Judy Werdein, Marilyn Scheelar, Betty Klee, Patricia Kennedy, Rita Hurliman, Joan Schmid, Nancy Foley, Patricia McKenzie, Carol Schuler, Patricia Kocinski, Joan Sherman, Norma Sherman.

This year, we advanced French linguists, both Juniors and Seniors, decided, with the helpful suggestion of our French "professeur," Sister Maris Stella, to organize a French Club. At the initial meeting, leaders were selected: Mademoiselle Carol Schaab, le président; Mademoiselle Mary Rackl, le vice-président; Mademoiselle Mary Wangler, le secrétaire; Mademoiselles Eva Miskey et Dolores Zehler, les treasurers.

A monthly meeting was proposed at which entertainment was to be supplied by appointed members. Two important projects were undertaken: packing of Red Cross boxes and corresponding with girls of our own age in France. In May, the Sophomores were introduced to the intricacies of our French organization, as an inspiration for them to carry on next year and make of themselves full-fledged students of the language.

To further enhance our meetings, Sister Maris Stella showed us "The Wings of France," an extremely interesting movie. That was in April. During the same month, we exercised our knowledge of this Romance tongue by participation in a National French Contest. Hence, our Third Year French Course serenely and happily passed, n'est-ce-pas?

"Guarding Our Health"

"Checking Our Movies"

"Our Top-Flight Ticket Sellers"

"Dramatic Club Officers"

"Literary Laurels for St. Nicholas"

On the Basketball Court

The Winning Point?

Mrs. George Adamberger — Our Coach

Our Favorite Players

Waiting for the Whistle

Let's Go, St. Nick's!

Assumpta Est Maria

In 431 A.D., the Council of Ephesus defined Mary as Mother of God. Heretic sects, hitherto attacking this dogma, were crushed and smashed before the world. The first victory had been won for Mary. Centuries later, in 1854, Pope Pius IX, speaking ex cathedra, promulgated the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception. Miraculously, after this proclamation, work in the Missions flourished and many converts joined Mary's Legions.

As we look into today's world, we note the spread of atheistic communism, greed of men and nations, ravages of war, attacks against God and His Church, with their accompanying persecutions. These are the effects of a materialism which teaches that, beyond this visible and temporal world, nothing exists — communism's gift in exchange for God and belief in His true Church; hence, the social unrest among nations, fomented by men desirous of world ruin and devastation.

Is it not, therefore, time to elevate minds and hearts to Heaven; to behold there a splendor that will inspire new hope? Is it not the opportune time to further glorify Mary, Mother of the Incarnate Word; to show Her to men as She rules Heaven with regal glory, Her Body and Soul refulgent with the Light of God's Face? Indeed, She must be our hope, our life, our consolation in this dark hour. Profession of belief in Her Assumption endows us with renewed courage to face life's trials.

On All Saints' Day, November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII, in response to innumerable petitions of the Catholic World for over a century, declared the ancient Dogma of the Blessed Virgin's Assumption into Heaven an Article of Faith. His voice rang out triumphantly to the four corners of the universe, a fitting climax of the Holy Year. Joy thrilled the heart of all Christendom upon hearing words that gave birth to a new era of hope — ASSUMPTA EST MARIA — "Mary is taken up into Heaven, the angels rejoice, and praising, bless the Lord."

"The Crib at Greccio"

DANCERS — Nancy Foley, Joan Hanley, Eva Miskey, Carol Schuler, Margaret Talbot, Diane Young

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI—Ann Wangler

JOHN OF GRECCIO—Clara Leising

BROTHER LEO—Rita Hurliman

FRANCISCAN FRIARS—Patricia Kocinski, Geraldine Kustra, Antoinette Lewandowski, Mildred Monaco, Joan Schmid, Joan Sherman, Nancy Zilker

SHEPHERDS—Patricia Kennedy, Marilyn Scheelar

PEASANTS—Katherine Croft, Mary Lou Forton, Elizabeth Klee, Geraldine Kustra, Antoinette Lewandowski, Carol Schaab, Joan Schmid, Mary Lou Steinback, Bonnie Werdein, Norma Sherman, Judith Werdein, Patricia McKenzie

MARY—Diane Young

JOSEPH—Judith Werdein

ANGELS—Members of the Junior Class

We Sisters

McKENZIE
Rita and Patricia

WANGLER
Mary and Ann

WERDEIN
Judy and Bonnie

ZEHLER
Irene and Dolores

SCHIEDER
Jo Ann and Teresa

SZARPA
Irene and Claire

JENDROWSKI
Patricia and Aline

SCHMID
Joan and Anna

BAINBRIDGE
Arline and Corinne

SCHEELAR
Nancy and Marilyn

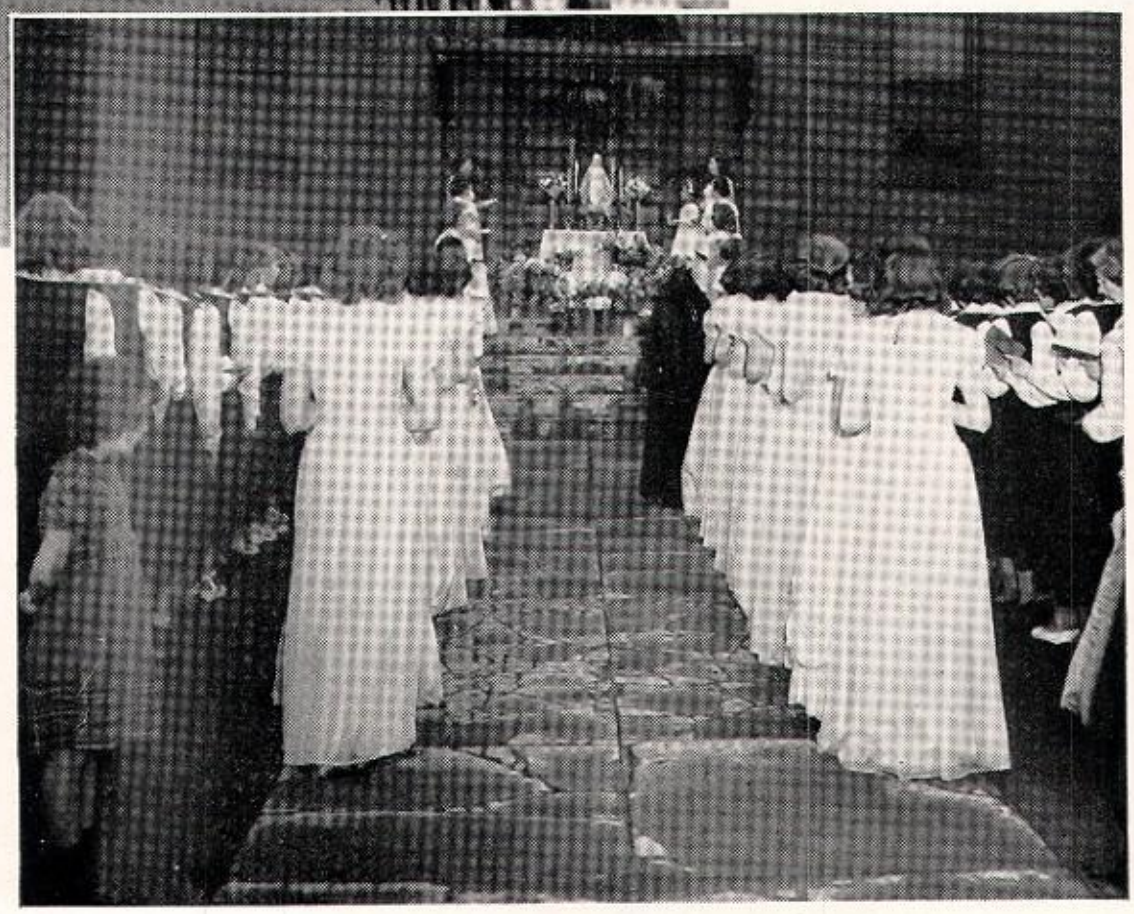
We sisters try to love each other
As Jesus loved His Blessed Mother.
Life wouldn't be so full of cheer
If we didn't have our sisters dear.
We work; we pray; we're full of life
And labor together in this world of strife.

Our aim is to achieve a great success,
To receive a reward, which is happiness.
So, let's thank Our Lord and Mary Mother
For the love we have and owe one another.

Barbara Carey, '54

Two of Our Special Days

Honoring
Christ,
Our King



O Mary,
we crown Thee
with blossoms
today

Junior-Senior Banquet

"Food! For Free" was the unanimous, ungrammatical, mental declaration of all the Seniors as they beamed over their invitations to the long-awaited Junior-Senior get-together. The big question was, "Will we live to attack American History with renewed vigor, or will we blissfully pass into the Great Beyond out of all contact with our beloved subject?"

All doubts faded as an awesome picture of gleaming, flower-decked tables, enlivened by quaint favors, place cards and the most appetizing of viands filled our eyes and churned our tummies. Dinner was graciously served by the Mothers of our own P.T.A.

Like contented kine, we pushed back our chairs from the banquet board after every edible object on it had disappeared, and sat in readiness for Father O'Boyle's enlivening talk. Having had the advantage of a whole month in the "Land of Saints" and "little people," we knew he'd have some enlightening items. We were not disappointed.

After God had been duly thanked for the preservation of our lives, the hospitable Juniors ushered us into the auditorium for a peppy movie and then, we danced. (Just think, not one solitary dish to wash!) Oh! and how we tripped to the melodies of this modern age!

We fairly exuded joyousness and gaiety as we bade farewell to the Sisters and wended our way to the home nest, as well as we possibly could, upon the wake of such a sumptuous feast and hilarious evening. Thank you, Sister Madeleva and dear Juniors, for this delightful time. Youth had encountered a world of food to win and had come up victorious.

IN THIS SIGN WE SHALL CONQUER

We pause to thank . . .

The P.T.A. for being such outstanding parents; for trying to make all our dreams come true and assisting us when we needed "someone to lean on." We'll never forget their untiring efforts to brighten and "dress up" beloved Academy.

LEFT TO RIGHT—Clara Leising, Margaret Talbot, Carol Schuler, Ann Wangler, Patricia Kennedy, Antoinette Lewandowski, Joan Schmid.

We present our own special "Oscar" for promotion of finer movies to the Parish Holy Name Society. Their gift of a Bell and Howell moving picture projector all "our very own" makes us feel that we're a very privileged group. All of us extend our hearts and our gratitude to the men who remembered us and our school.

May God Bless . . .

MONSIGNOR JAMES F. MCGLOIN for his fatherly interest in each one of us.

FATHER DANIEL A. LORD, S.J., for permission to use the words of his song, "For Christ, the King."

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MR. ROBERT HANLEY of the Jefferson Press, Inc., for their excellent production, judged "practically perfect" by the 1950 Buffalo Evening News critic.

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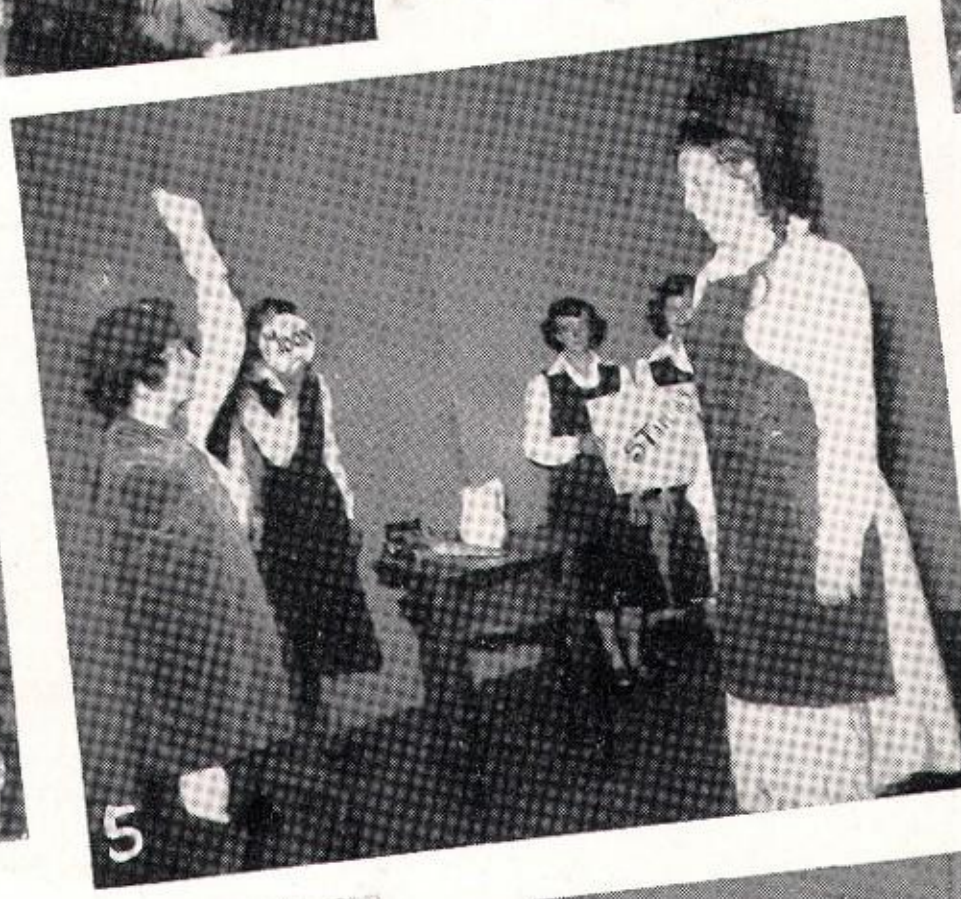

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2. Cheek to Cheek
3. "I Remember Mama"
4. Millie and guess what?
5. The Sophomore "Mellerdrama"
6. Posing?
7. Watch the birdie!
8. "The Chattanooga Shoe Shine Boy"

Snaps

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1. Hip!
2. Hip!
3. Hip!
4. Hooray!
5. A Friendly Chat
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10. You see? It's this way . . .

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8. Surrounded

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1. Pepsodent Smiles
2. Five Unfortunate Freshmen
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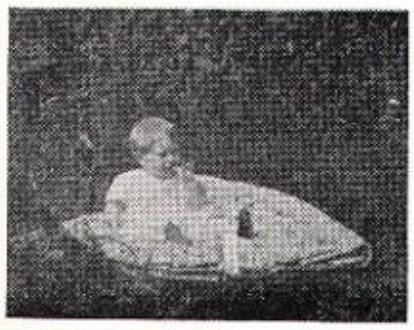

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